

Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)

Occupation description: Counsel and advise individuals with alcohol, tobacco, drug, or other problems, such as gambling and eating disorders. May counsel individuals, families, or groups or engage in prevention programs. Excludes "Social Workers" (21-1021 through 21-1029), "Psychologists" (19-3031 through 19-3039), and "Mental Health Counselors" (21-1014) providing these services.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	298	361	21.1	6	13	19
United States	85,500	108,900	27.4	2,340	1,830	4,170

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is robust with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	19.75	n/a	12.12	18.57	28.93
Alaska	21.90	23.41	24.92	14.65	23.01	33.78
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	19.79	21.80	23.81	12.24	21.27	32.56
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	19.12	20.40	21.68	15.59	19.85	26.87
Southeast Region	24.67	26.54	28.41	17.77	27.00	35.07
Balance of State	25.57	26.72	27.87	19.34	26.89	34.83

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
372	27	7.3	52.8	43.5

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	109
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	35
UI claimants previously working in occupation	51

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	404
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Number of job position postings	422
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	1.0

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

	Degree
Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training	
Correspondence Courses	
Onsite Training	
Substance Abuse Training Academy	Certificate
	Degree
St. Hermans Theological Seminary	
Substance Abuse Treatment Training	

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